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DEVELOPMENTS OF SPORT.

The writer of an article in the new Blackwood is sore at heart over the modern developments of sport. He confesses to "musing without method," but whether or not he muses to the purpose our readers may judge by the following extracts:

The Americans in their worship of speed and their conviction that youth is better than maturity, are determined to get as much out of their horses as is possible in the shortest time. So they train them for an instant success, as the purveyor of gooseliver crams his birds, or the headmaster of an English school trains his prizeboys for a scholarship. What becomes of them after the race matters little enough, and a drug or a drink may perhaps knock a pound off the weight they carry. And then, that every advantage may be caught, the jockey descends the saddle, and perched up between the horse's ears, his back bent like the back of a cycling scorcher, he avoids the wind while he sacrifices control of his horse. If he tumbles and breaks his leg, as did Holcomb, so much the worse for the insurance office; if it cannot wildly into its competitors, so much the worse for the offending jockey. But in any case, the elegance of the ancient horsemanship is gone, and the tradition of more than two centuries is shattered.

For, though it sounds a paradox, speed is not the sole aim even of horseracing. And if the newest practices triumph it would be kinder and better to convert the horse into a machine. Fill his skin with steam or electricity, and let him run about the racetrack as the 'sportsman' recently ran from Paris to Berlin. Then we may encourage modern industry; and if the horse survives only in the collections with zebras and wild asses, at least no disrespect will be paid to the deity of pace. But the other sports have suffered with horseracing from the like madness of records and averages. Once upon a time cricket was a game in which the best side had a fair chance of winning. When All-England met Hambledon upon Broad Halfpenny they generally played to a finish, since the bat and the ball were equal adversaries. To-day cricket has fallen a victim to its own perfection. The old grounds were cricket-grounds, not billiard tables, and the wickets were pitched by the bowlers themselves. 'The chief art,' said Nyrn, 'is to select a situation that will suit your own style of bowling and at the same time prove disadvantageous to your adversaries; as these two points, however, can rarely be accomplished, you can, at all events pitch the wickets in such a manner as to benefit yourself.' So, we are told, the famous Lamp would select a point 'where the ball was likely to shoot, that is, over the brow of a little hill,' while Harris, considering the main chance of the game, would choose a rising ground to pitch the ball against. Nowadays, neither Lamp nor Harris would have the privilege of choice. The pitch is found for the bowlers, with neither hill nor rising ground, with neither weed nor tussock, and the necessity of resource is infinitely lessened. However skilful the bowler may be, the batsman is ready for him, because he knows that the accuracy of the pitch makes unexpected tricks impossible. Again, the form of the game has completely changed with time. Once it was regarded as a cardinal sin to pull a ball across the wicket, or to treat a straight ball with contempt; but perpetual bowling to the off justified the pull, and no modern cricketer would obey the canons of sixty years ago. The old batsman rather lost his wicket than made a bad or inelegant stroke. The modern batsman keeps his eye on the scoring-test, and is satisfied if only he places the ball in a safe corner.

But nowhere has 'professionalism,' in its love of excess and its contempt of 'form,' been further carried than on the river. The American eight, which, happily for the future of rowing, lost the Grand Challenge at Henley, brilliantly illustrates the vice of professionalism. The mystery of the training, the isolation of the oarsmen, appear an unnecessary pose. But when we hear of a race rowed in a paper-boat, with a coxswain upon whose useless mouth is strapped a megaphone, we may well wonder why all this mechanical cleverness is thrown away. Artifice so ingenious should surely be spent upon the all-conquering oarsmen. Happily the Americans were beaten. But had victory been theirs, they would not have shown sufficient cause for the destruction of an elegant sport. In rowing, as in

horse-racing, too much may be paid for mere speed. The even swing of the bodies, the long sweep of the oars, which distinguish our English style of rowing, achieve more than the winning of the race; they afford to the world an admirable spectacle of harmonised force, and they give to the oarsmen the best chance of muscular exercise. So long, then, as sport is practised for its own sake, sportsmen will attempt to win without violating their own pleasure, and their own pride. But when once rowing becomes a method of displaying a national superiority, then the coxswain will tilt a megaphone round his neck and their seems 'no reason why twin-screws should not be slipped under the paper-rudder. The speed of the boat would undoubtedly be increased, and if it be sport to sit upon a petroleum engine, it must also be sport to dash up or down a river on a penny-steamboat.

MARK TWAIN ON LIFE'S CONTRARIENESS.

Mark Twain having been asked to attend the Missouri day celebration in Kansas City on August 10th, to commemorate the State's admission to the Union, wrote the following letter in regard to it. Mark Twain, by the way, was born at Florida, in Monroe county, and he was one of the first to be asked to take part in the celebration of the State's eightieth birthday.

AMONG THE ADIRONDACK LAKES.

July 19, 1901.

Dear Sir: By an error in the plans things go wrong and first in this world and so much precious time is lost and matters of urgent importance are fatally retarded. Invitations which a busy young fellow should get, and which would transport him with joy, are delayed and impeded and obstructed until they are fifty years overdue, when they reach him. It has happened again in this case. When I was a boy in Missouri, I was always on the look-out for invitations, but they always miscarried and went wandering through the aisles of time, and now they are arriving when I am old and rheumatic and can't travel, and must lose my chance. I have lost a world of delight through this matter of delaying invitations. Fifty years ago I would have gone eagerly across the world to help celebrate any thing that might turn up. It would have made no difference to me what it was so that I was there, and allowed a chance to make a noise.

The whole science of things is turned wrong end to. Life should begin with age and its privileges and accumulations, and end with youth and its capacity to splendidly enjoy such advantages. As things are now, when a youth is a dollar would bring you a hundred pleasures, you can't get it when you are old you get it, and there's nothing worth buying with it then. It's an epitome of life. The first half of it consists of the capacity to enjoy without the chance, the last half consists of the chance without the capacity.

I am admonished in many ways that time is pushing me inexorably along. I am approaching the threshold of age; in 1877, I shall be 122. This is not the time to be fighting about the earth. I must cease from the activities proper to youth and begin to take on the dignities and gravities and inertia proper to old age and honorable senility which is on its way and imminent—as indicated above.

Yours is a great and memorable occasion, and as a son of Missouri I should hold it a high privilege to be there and share your just pride in the State's achievements; but I must deny myself the indulgence, while thanking you earnestly for the prized honors you have done me in asking me to be present.

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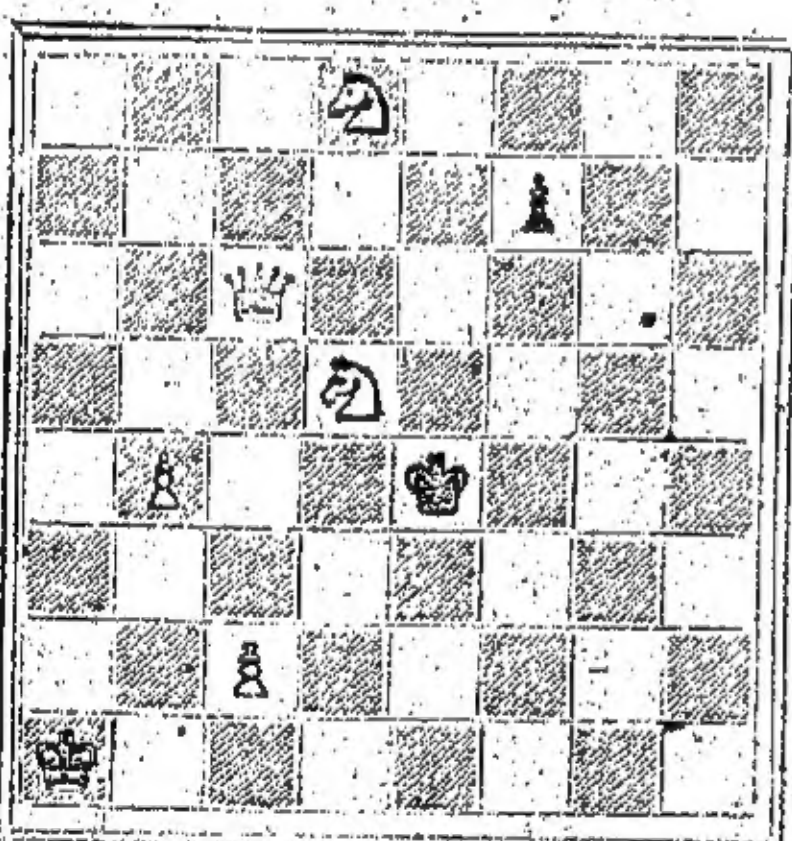
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Black (2 Pieces.)

White (6 Pieces.)

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution to Problem No. 31 by W. Grimshaw, Whitley: 1-Q-Q Kt sq.

Correct solution from C.R.T., who sends the following details:

- 1 Q-Q Kt sq. K-Q B 5
- 2 Q-Q 3, mate K-Q B 3
- 3 Q-Q Kt 7, mate K-K 3
- 4 Q-Q R mate Any move by R, K.P. or Kt.P.
- 5 Q-Q Kt 5, mate Kt any move
- 6 Q-K 4, mate B.B. and Ceterae. See above.

What is wanted, not only in chess study, but in chess play, is a groundwork of clear and determinate ideas as to the final object of the game—checkmate. Thus, in chess, it is the end we should consider first, so as to move easily master the simple ideas of the game.

C.R.T. sends the following details of the end play in the Max Lange game published last week:

- White Black
- 1 Q-Q B 5 1 Q-Q B 4 (c) (b)
 - 2 B-Q P. ch 2 B-Q B (c) (d)
 - 3 Kt-Q 6 ch 3 K-Q 5
 - 4 Q-Q 5 ch 4 P-Q Kt 3
 - 5 Q-Q Kt P. mate
- (a) If Black does not move his Q, 2 Kt-Q 6 mate.

- (b) If Black, 1 Q-B 2, or Kt 3, then 2 Q-Q 5, Black 2. Any move; W. 3 Kt-Q 6 mate.

- (c) 2 3 Q-Q 6 ch 3 K-Q 5
4 Kt-K B 6 ch 4 P-Q Kt 5
5 R-Q 6 ch 5 Kt-Q 4
6 Q-Q Kt mate
* If Kt-Q 6 then 5-Q-Q Kt mate—in 5 moves.

- (d) 2 3 K-Q 5
4 Q-Q 5 ch 3 K-Q 5
5 R-Q 5 ch 4 Kt-Q 4
6 Q-Q Kt ch 5 K-Q 5, or B 2
7 Q-Q 8, or Q Kt Mate

In most of us, says Mr. Anthony finest, there is some kind of artistic tendency, that finds no outlet in the handiwork of everyday life. This is sufficient to account for the increasing popularity of chess, which is an art as well as a game. Its intricacies and its combinations are capable of affording aesthetic delight which differs, no doubt, from the emotions produced by poetry, or pictures, or music, but which is so many similarly satisfying. One need not be an expert to enjoy the pleasure of play; to the beginner it is like a voyage through an unknown country, teeming with beautiful surprises. Every sitting reveals some new and exciting feature, suggests some tempting path, or affords some hint as to the best mode of pursuing the journey.

The following game and notes are taken from 'The Times', whose chess editor pronounced it to be 'A remarkable correspondence game':

- White Black
- R.V. Lopez S.P. Johnston (Chicago).
- 1 P-K 4 P-K 4
 - 2 Kt-K B 3 Kt-Q B 3
 - 3 B-R 5 Nt-K P
 - 4 P-Q 4 Kt-Q 5
 - 5 P-Q 5 Kt-K 5
 - 6 Q-K 2 Kt-Q 3
 - 7 Kt-P Castles
 - 8 B-Q 3 B-K 2
 - 9 P-Q B 4 Castles
 - 10 Q-R 5 P-B 4
 - 11 Kt-Q B 3 P-K 3
 - 12 Castles Kt-K 5
 - 13 Q-K R 3 Kt-P
 - 14 P-Q 6 Kt-Q 5
 - 15 Kt-Q 5 P-B 3
 - 16 Kt-B 5 Q-K 5
 - 17 B-Q 2 Kt-K 5
 - 18 B-B 3 D-Q 3
 - 19 Kt-B P and wins (d)

(a) The variation here played is quite uncommon, and the game is regarded as of considerable importance for this and other reasons. Mr. Johnston is quite an expert, and his opponent is a well-known writer on the game. Mr. Barry, the Boston expert, thinks 6... Kt-Q 3 was bad, and, indeed, Black afterwards remains shut up and congested on the queen's side. 'Black's 9th move is bad also. Put move for move the game is a first-rate exercise. If 19... Kt-K 7 ch, etc., or if 19... Q-B 2; 20... B-B 4 appears to win in a pretty way.

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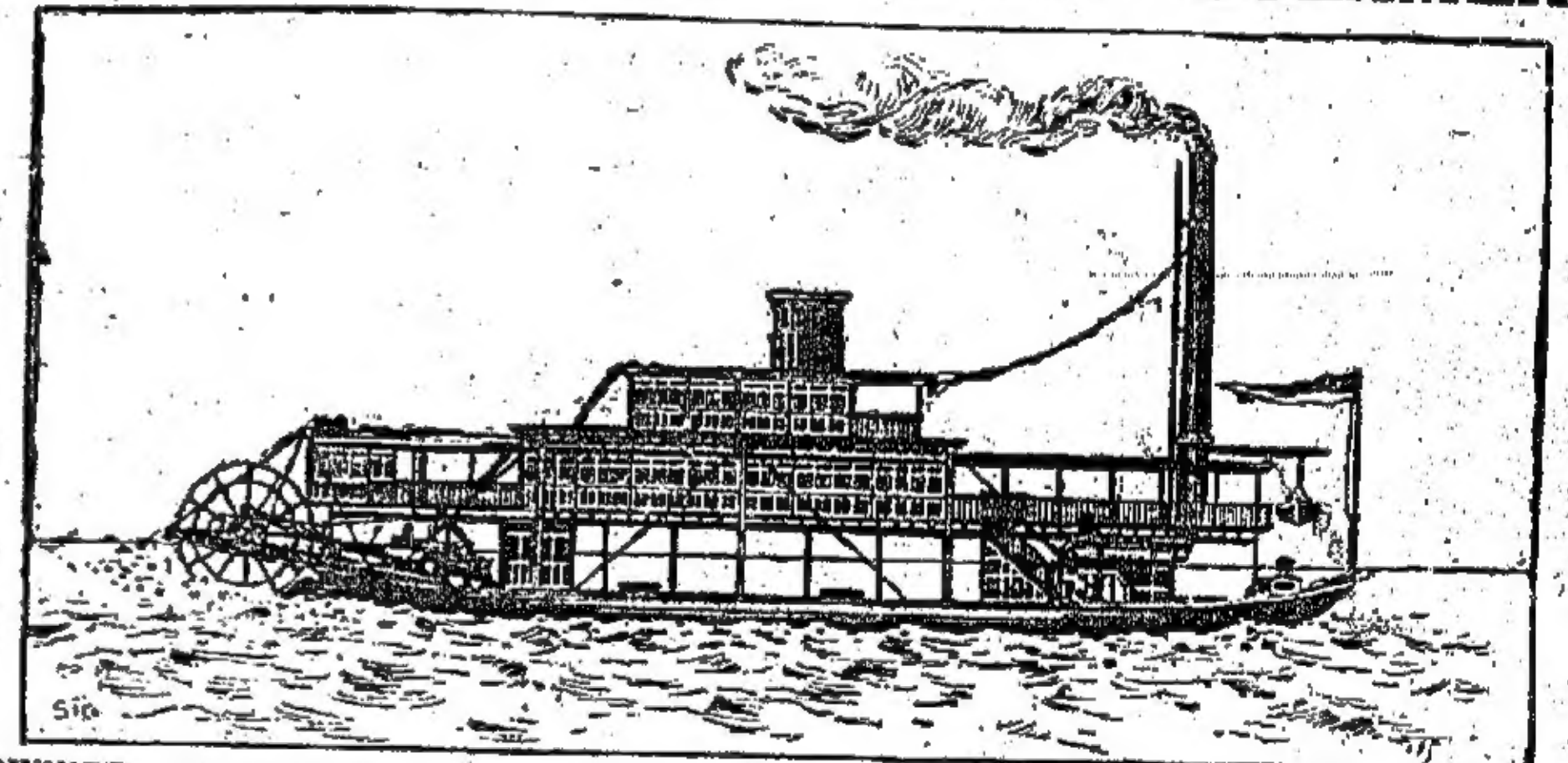
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Auctions.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated
at Huihung.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Myrmec* not cleared at Noon
subject to rent.Goods per *Natal* unclaimed before
Noon, subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, September 17.—
Goods per *Bartholomew* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.THURSDAY, August 19.—
Goods per *Pulman* not cleared at 4
p.m. subject to rent.MONDAY, September 23.—
2 p.m.—Special Sale of Clothing at
Indian Convent.MONDAY, September 30.—
12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of
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DEATH.

At Hayama, Sashu Kanagawa Ken, on
the 22nd August, A. C. Xiong, native of
Hanover, in his forty-fifth year.The publication of this issue commenced
at 4.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1901.

Ominous indications are appearing in
different parts of China that the people
are unlikely to submit graciously to the
new house tax, and it is feared that
there will be determined resistance and
endless troubles before the people will
submit it. Mr. Hilsenrath, in his recent
new book, 'The Real Chinese Ques-
tion,' has pointed out that the Chinese
people take no interest in the Customs
Revenue. They are said to regard this
as some peculiar arrangement between
their Emperor and Europeans, in order
that he may raise funds to meet his
own personal expenses, and to meet any
claims that foreigners may have upon
him. That is his business, not theirs.
But when foreigners suggested any in-
terference with the Leken in order to
provide a guarantee for any purpose
whatsoever, hostility was aroused. The
Leken belongs to the Chinese people.
They originally submitted willingly to
this tax, in order to defray the enor-
mous expense of crushing the rebellion
of 'the Long-Haired Rebels.' When,
therefore, foreigners began to suggest
any interference with this they resented
it, and after a time the slumbering re-
sentment broke forth in devouring fury.
If this is so, and there is likely to be
something in the suggestion, then the
recent edict which demands from the
people money to pay the proposed in-
demnities is not likely to be as pleasing
to them as was the edict of permission
to loot foreign property and take for-
eign lives. If the management of the
Leken is regarded by the people as their
own peculiar privilege, with which
foreigners have no right to interfere,
much more will this spirit of antagonism
show itself over any attempt to lay an
additional tax on the people, in order
to raise funds to put into the for-
eigner's pocket. It is well known by
this time that 450,000,000 taels
have to be paid in forty instalments.
This will mean that each instalment
will be 1,250,000 taels. Interest at 4
per cent, per annum will, for several
years, amount to an enormous sum,
and will add greatly to the burden. It
will therefore be necessary for a wealthy
province like Kwangtung to raise not
much less than 2,000,000 taels, and
this large sum will not be raised without
a good deal of trouble and probably
friction. It is maintained by the people
that they had little or nothing—except
these over a small area—with the in-
curring of this debt; and that therefore
they should not be called upon to pay it.
The ruffians in the streets of
Canton may derive pleasure from look-
ing at coarse warpaints, in which,
through magnifying glasses, they may
see Chinese warriors smashing up red-
coated soldiers of the West, but the
middle and upper classes know full well
that things are not what they appear in
these cartoons, and they have always
dreaded the indemnity which they
would have to pay.Some time ago it was assumed by the
shopkeepers in Canton that the land-
lords only would have to find the
money. The tenants thought that they
would get off scot-free. They forgot
that either directly or indirectly they
would have to bear their share of
the burden. Now that they have had
a little time to understand matters,
they see that the new taxes will fall on
all. The protocol recently signed will
indicate to the educated, and, sooner
or later, to all the people, that the
foreigner's hand will be plunged deeply
into their pockets, and they naturally
resent this. An added 5 per cent.
ad valorem on many foreign luxuries
that they have learned to value, and
that have become almost necessities to
them, and a new tax to the same
amount on other articles that have not
hitherto been taxed, will not tend to
make the people amiable. But, in
addition to this, they will learn
that the import revenues of the
native Customs in the treaty
ports, hitherto managed by the Chinese
themselves, are to be handed over to
the management of the Maritime cus-
toms, and that the remaining portion of
the revenues of the salt monopoly are
also to be devoted to the same purpose.
It may safely be assumed that there
will be a good deal of discontent.
This is exactly what is transpiring, ifrumour is to be believed. Indeed dis-
content is not the word to explain the
state of feeling now felt by the people.
It has been stated on good authority
that the native Christians of two
Societies gathered in the Canton delta
have already combined and petitioned
the magistrate for protection in view of
the impending troubles, consequent on
the pressure of the officials in order to
get this new tax collected. One native
minister, greatly respected both by his
own flock and by those who have little
love for his faith, states that riots are
feared in the district in which he works,
and it will be found that these men
generally know what they are talking
about. Reports of a similar nature are
coming in from the central provinces.
However, we shall soon know, for the
10th of September and the ten follow-
ing days are the dates fixed for the
collection of the new tax. It is not
likely that the Chinese will interfere
with Europeans, for they know that
this will only press them the deeper
into the mire. The officials know how
to carry their points when they are
determined. That they will carry the
people with them is unlikely; that they
will drive them before them is prob-
able; that they will meet with opposi-
tion is certain; that foreigners will be
more cordially hated than before may
be expected.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

News from the Philippines.

Bars are now allowed to remain open
till midnight in Manila.Five Filipinos are under sentence of
death in various parts of Luzon for the
murder of Americanists.George A. Raymond, ex soldier of the
U.S. army, has been sentenced to death for
murdering and robbing another ex-soldier
at Bacolor.The barque *Osborn*, which stranded in
Manila Bay, was refloated on the 7th inst.,
after a portion of her cargo (coal) had been
thrown overboard.Two more renegades have been cap-
tured. One of them is said to be an En-
glishman. It is curious that out of four
renegades captured recently, three of them,
according to American Manila newspapers,
are Britishers.Sr. Luis R. Yungco has purchased an-
other steamer at Hongkong to add to his
already large fleet in the waters of the
Archipelago. The recent purchase will be
named *Kabunatan*, and is to ply between
the ports of Panayanga, Gragan, Sexman,
and Manila. She has a length of 128 metres
and a speed of 12 knots.The Compania Maritima has declared
a dividend of 10 per cent. for the past six
months; increases the Insurance Reserve
Fund by \$107,837.49, after paying for the
Anoia Macdonald, making the total of said
Fund of \$306,596.17, and the Reserve Fund
now stands at \$262,903.13, while the
balance carried forward is \$166,667.32.Messrs W. A. Fittin and Co. write:—
An American Bank has been formed under
the Spanish laws still ruling here, with a
capital of \$100,000 Gold, half of which is
paid up. The Bank should do well, and,
though capital appears small, there is lots
of room for such an institution. It has
secured competent and experienced Ameri-
cans for management.

The Telephone in Japan.

The inability of the Japanese Com-
munications Department to meet the de-
mand for telephone apparatus is now re-
ceiving the attention of the Government,
says the *Kobe Chronicle*. Owing to the
small appropriation, it is impossible for the
Department to carry out the work. It is
now proposed that private telephone com-
panies be allowed to start services in the
big cities where extension is urgently re-
quired. Perhaps anything would be better
than the present inconvenience and delay,
though after the Government has once
started the work it appears rather an ac-
knowledgement of failure to revert to the
private company system. We have before
urged that would-be subscribers be allowed
to purchase their own instruments. This
would make the inadequate appropriations
go a good deal further, while it would at
once increase the revenue from the tele-
phone service. Persons really desirous of
being on the telephone service would not
object to pay for the instruments.

Nursing Mothers.

The quality and quantity of an infant's
food is often seriously affected by the state
of its mother's health who nurses it. All
health of mothers is frequently the cause of
indigestion and diarrhoea in their babies
which are nursed at the breast. Poor
water, unwholesome and insufficient milk
cannot properly nourish a baby. Poor food
will disorder the bowels of the child and will
cause constipation. Stearns' Wine of Cod
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assimilation must furnish nutrition for both
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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Notes by the Way.

A Common Soldier's letter cannot
be published.Inward Parcels by s.s. *Palawan* are
now ready for delivery.'Helen's Babies' was rejected by
twenty-one publishers before it fell into the
hands of a wise one.There were no fresh cases of plague
reported in the Colony during the past
twenty-four hours.The following appointment has been
made at the Admiralty:—Captain R. W.
White, to the *Ocean*, to date 27th August.Sir Edmund Barrow takes up his new
duties as Secretary to the Government of
India in the Military Department on the
1st proximo.It is now semi-officially admitted
that a German firm has been permitted
by the Ports to establish a cooling station
in the Island of Koush, one of the Farsan
Islands in the Red Sea.Overheard in the tram:—'I'm thankful
to say I don't owe much: about \$150 would
settle all my little accounts.' 'Oh, but I
thought you had a big overdraft?' 'Over-
draft! Oh, I don't reckon that as a debt—
that's merely a question of finance.'A marriage will shortly take place, be-
tween the Rev. Roland Allen, chaplain to
the Bishop of North China, youngest son of
the late Rev. Charles Fletcher Allen and
author of *The Siege of the Peking Legations*,
and Mary Beatrice, elder daughter of the
late Admiral Sir John Walter Tarleton,
K.C.B.It was on the voyage to Shanghai, and
the ship was not so steady as it might have
been. A well-known Hongkongite was
gazing at the sea waves with a wan,
wild, weary look when an offensively well
together rolled up and said: 'Shake yourself
loosely, old chap; have you breakfasted?''Breakfasted,' sighed the weary one; 'no,
indeed, quite the contrary!'In a Bangkok contemporary we notice
an advertisement for 'Evaporated Cream.'
What we are suffering from in Hongkong
just now is evaporated gold-washes and
jewellery. It almost seems as if the crim-
inal domestic was determined to get ahead
of Mr. Sercombe Smith's Commission and
any registration scheme that may be pro-
posed. It is almost a pity the Committee
of the Chamber of Commerce, who squeal-
ed Mr. May's registration scheme are not
among the sufferers from 'evaporation.'A scientific gent. makes the startling
announcement that alcohol in water does
not destroy the microbes. On the other
hand, he asserts that the alcohol is appre-
ciated by Mr. Microbe, and makes him
readier for business. It is more than said
to have a cherished dream so rudely shat-
tered. The only shred of comfort left to
Kowloon water-salad of a nice cold
our-puts on an appetising look when
plentifully diluted by certain popular
brands of alcohol; and no scientist can rob
us of that glorious fact!The death is announced of Rear-Admiral
John Hugh Bainbridge, at Bergen, in
Norway, on the 10th ult. Entering the
Navy in March, 1839, he first saw service
in China where he was present on the staff
of Admiral Sir Lewis T. Jones on board the
Clarence, gunboat, at the taking of the Taku
forts, 1860, for which he obtained the China
medal, Taku clasp. He also served in the
naval brigade against the Taiping rebels,
near Shanghai, 1861-62, taking part in 14
actions including the capture of Kialing,
where he was with the storming party,
Tsimpos, and Chenlin.

Fluctuating Douglasses.

In their share report of this date,
Messrs Vernon and Smyth write:—A very
quiet market has been experienced during
the past week, and with the exception of
the decline and erratic nature of the busi-
ness done in Douglasses, there are no special
features to report. Douglasses, under the
influence of rumours of a small dividend
fell rapidly to \$43, but have since recovered
somewhat and are now wanted at \$45,
with no shares to be had under \$46.

Captain Jellicoe.

The *World* says:—Captain Jellicoe,
who brings the *Centurion*, Sir Edward
Seymour's flagship, home this week from
the China Station, took up his command on
December 31st, 1897. He is very young
for his rank and standing, as he is only thirty-
one, and has been a captain since January
1897. After his recent experience he may
be considered one of the rising men of the
Service, and he is not likely to have to
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Beware of worthless imitations.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Poll Tax in Shantung.

According to the *Ostasiatische Lloyd*,
Governor Yuan Shi-kai has issued orders to
collect a poll tax of 30 cents per head
throughout the province of Shantung in
order to provide for his part of the money
for the war indemnity.

Wireless Telegraphy and Explosives.

The Academie des Sciences, Paris, is to
advise the French Minister of War as to
the possible danger of wireless telegrams in
the other exploding powder magazines. The
electric ether waves, as Professor D. E.
Hughes, F.R.S., found in his original ex-
periments twenty years ago, cause metal
objects to give sparks, and hence the nature
of the cases for holding the explosives may
require consideration. Major Cervera, of
Spain, hopes to be able to explode the
magazines of warships by wireless signals.

The French Census.

The whole of the official returns of the
Census taken throughout France on March
24 last have now been received and classi-
fied at the Ministry of the Interior. The
figures show a more satisfactory situation
than had been expected. The total popu-
lation of the country was at that date
31,941,333, as against 38,228,089, in March
1886. The increase during the last five
years was, therefore, 412,304 whereas in
the preceding period of five years from 1881
to 1886 the increase had been only 133,819.

Five Men Drowned.

About noon, on the 12th inst., a boat
containing fifteen woodcutters exploded and
five of those on board were drowned. The
men, who all belonged to West Point, were
engaged in cutting damaged trees on Tai-
U-Shan, and, at the time of the accident, were
crossing from the mainland at Capetown
to the Tai-U-Shan which is situated on the
island of Lantau. The cause of this accident
is unknown, but the probability is that the
boat had been overcrowded. None of the
bodies were recovered on account of the
strong current which runs at this place.

Sir Claude Macdonald.

On the 12th August, Sir Claude Mac-
donald was accorded a public welcome on
the occasion of a visit to Canton. The
Town Council there and the inhabitants of
Swatshay joined in the presentation of an
address. In returning thanks, Sir Claude
testified to the noble efforts that kept the
old flag flying at Peking, paying tribute to
the Marine Guards and to the civilians who
cheerfully volunteered and fought like
veterans. The women of our race were
conspicuous throughout by their calm, un-
selfish courage, which served as a magis-
trous example to the men of all nationalities.

Another Boxer Victim.

Yesterday, says the *Dundee Evening
Telegraph* of the 14th ult., Mr. David
Melbourne Robertson, lately of the China
Inland Mission, Shansi, died at the resi-
dence of his uncle, Mr. David Ritchie, Jere
merchant, Castle Street, Broughtly Ferry.
The deceased gentleman, who was born at
sea near Pernambuco 47 years ago, was the
son of the late Captain William Robertson,
Harbour-master, Dundee. In his youth he
received a thorough training in the staple
industry of the city in his uncle's office.A member of the Parish Church, Dundee,
during Dr. Watson's ministry, he engaged
in evangelical and missionary work in the
city and district, and while attending classes
at the University of Edinburgh he laboured
assiduously in the slums of the capital as
an evangelist. He entered the China mis-
sion-ship in the year 1885 under the aus-
pices of the China Inland Mission,
remaining in the East until 1893, when he
was compelled to relinquish his labours on
account of feeble health, and return to
this country. After two years recuperating
at home he again sought the work in China
in which he so heartily longed to be en-
gaged, and was stationed at Shing-choo, in
the province of Shansi. Grave trials, un-
happily, awaited him there. The deceased
was one of 72 missionaries in that part
of the country. When the 'Boxer' troubles
broke out Shing-choo became overwhelmed
by the rebels, but he had the good fortune
to be one of six missionaries rescued from a
position of imminent danger. The small
party made their way to Hankow, twelve
days of great hardship being endured, but
eventually arrived safe at Shanghai. Sub-
sequently he visited Japan, but returned to
Shanghai, and left for England in the spring
of the present year. The deceased had the
misfortune to be wrecked on the steamer
Solvorn near the Island of Formosa 26
hours after leaving China on his homeward
journey. He arrived on the 20th June in
London with his health greatly undermined.
It is only a fortnight since Mr. Robertson
reached Broughtly Ferry, after receiving
the best medical advice and attention he
could obtain in London.

NOTHING LIKE OIL.

Dealing with man, remember that a
spoonful of oil will go farther than a
gallon of vinegar. The same may be said
of children. There is nothing so good for
children as the old-fashioned castor oil.
However much they object to it, it is their
best medicine for diseases of the bowels. In
the most severe cases of diarrhoea and
dysentery, however, Chamberlain's Colic,
Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should
be given after the oil operates, and a
quick cure is sure to follow. Beware of
all 'Dietetic' 'Waters' 'Lids,' 'General
Agents.'

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Tramways in Bangkok.

The Bangkok Electric Tramway has
just paid a dividend of 10 per cent for the
past half-year and carried forward Tcs.
13,931. The Siam Electricity Co., Limited,
pays a dividend of 4 per cent for the half-
year.

The Germans in Kwangtung.

In our issue of the 11th inst., it was
stated (from a native source) that a German
gunboat was received unscathed by the Chi-
nese officials at Wanchow, that the Ger-
man Consul at Canton had taken the matter
up, and that the Viceroy had warned the
mandarins to treat all foreigners with be-
coming respect. We are now informed
that the whole story is a native invention,
and has been retracted by the native news-
paper which first gave it publicity.

Van der Merwe in Scotland.

Reuter's telegram dated 11th inst.
it was stated that Colonel Crabbe had over-
whelmed a hundred Boers, killing Van der
Merwe, Commandant Schoepers' principal
Lieutenant. Van der Merwe, who has
been fighting against the British since the
commencement of the war and whose name
has been mentioned several times in the
telegram from the front, was at one time
holder of the license for the Royal Ho-
tel, Arbroath, Scotland. The place is now,
we believe, carried on by his wife, a Scots-
woman, whom he deserted about the time of
the Jamieson Raid. He was not heard of
again till the opening of the present war.
He was a typical Boer, standing six feet
high, stout in proportion, bearded, and
having a coarse coat of countenance. He
was seldom seen without his pipe and was
very fond of gin. He had few friends in
Arbroath on account of his aggressive
nature.

Smart Work by the Police.

A report was made at Stanley Police
Station in the small hours this morning
that a band of robbers had landed on Po-toi
Island, situated to the south-east of Cape
D'Aguilar, and, after terrorising the people,
robbed several houses and made off in a
junk with a great quantity of loot. The
men were described by the villagers who
reported the matter to be Chinches and
eight or nine in number. Sergeant Lamont
at once communicated by telephone with
the Central Police Station in Hongkong,
and the Central in turn communicated with
the Water Police at Tsimshatsi. The
police pinnaces were soon manned and pro-
ceeded to look for the robbers from both
sides of the island. The launch under In-
spectors Riley came upon a suspected junk
between Shaikwan and Quarry Bay. She
was boarded by the police, who found nine
men on board, all Chinches, and a large
quantity of arms and goods, which appar-
ently were the proceeds of the raid. The
men were arrested, and the goods, consist-
ing of clothing, jewellery, etc., were removed
to the Central for the purpose of identifica-
tion. We understand that the goods have
now been identified, and that the prisoners
will be brought before the Magistrate on
Monday morning. The capture redounds
to the credit of Inspector Riley, and demon-
strates the utility of outlying stations being
connected with the Central by telephone.

Chinese in a 'Barbarian' City.

Mr. A. McKiver, late of the Hongkong
Police, and brother of Mr. M. McKiver, of
the Harbour Office, Hongkong, has recently
been interpreting Chinese cases before the
Police Court, the Justice of the Peace
Court and the Sheriff Courts in Glasgow,
and the Chinese seem quite surprised and
delighted when, in these far off parts, they
fall in with one who can converse with them
in their own tongue. On the 8th August
last, Mr. McKiver interpreted in a case in
which Wong Pau, storekeeper, s.s. *Nector*,
complained of being assaulted and robbed.
Asked by the Sheriff why he came to be
walking the street of the City so late at
night, Wong Pau gave the following typical
Chinese reply:—'I do not require a street
pass (Kai chi) in Glasgow.' The following
are the particulars of the case as reported
in the *Daily Record*:—A Chinese sailor,
with two countrymen, was seen entering last
week proceeding along the Queen's Dock,
Glasgow, to join his ship when he was
assaulted and robbed of £5. One man got
hold of his throat, and another his arms,
while a third rifled his pockets. The foreigner
held on to one of the men, named Alexan-
der Jenkins, who at Glasgow Criminal
Court yesterday, was found guilty of the
choke, and of assaulting a policeman, and
sentenced to 60 days' imprisonment. At
the conclusion of the case the Chinaman's
interpreter informed Sheriff Strachan that
the complainant desired to state what an
noyance he and others of his countrymen
were subjected to in the City by persons
following and otherwise interfering with
them. The Sheriff replied that he had no
thing to do with that, it being a matter for
the police, but at the same time he was ex-
tremely sorry that any one should be in-
terfered with in any way in the City.

FOR GROWING CHILDREN.

I was all run down and I heard
about Stearns' Wine. It has done
me so much good and it is so
pleasant to take that I give it to
my children. They are growing
so fast it is just the thing for
them.SARAH PICKERING,
1892, No. Main St.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

<i>Agents.</i>	<i>Date of Leaving.</i>
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	Sept. 18.
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Sept. 27, at 4 p.m.
Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Sept. 18, at noon.
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	Sept. 25, daylight.
Hamburg-Ark-La Line.	Sept. 21.
Hamburg-Ark-La Line.	October 6.
Hamburg-Ark-La Line.	Sept. 18.
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Sept. 27, daylight.
Burtonfield & Swire.	Sept. 17.
P. & O. S. N. Co.	Sept. 28, at noon.
P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Sept. 21.
Burtonfield & Swire.	Oct. 1.
Burtonfield & Swire.	Sept. 17.
Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Sept. 18, at 5 p.m.

Schubman, Tomes & Co. Sept. 17, at noon.
 Hamburg-Amerika Linie Sept. 15, a.m.
 Dowell & Co. Limited. About Sept. 25.
 Schubman, Tomes & Co. About Oct. 25.
 Jurdan, Matheson & Co. About Sept. 15.
 Schubman, Tomes & Co. Sept. 16, at noon.
 McGregor Bros. & Gore. About Sept. 24.
 Schubman, Tomes & Co. About Sept. 17.
 Pacific Mail S. S. Co. Sept. 16, at noon.
 Pacific Mail S. S. Co. Sept. 24, at noon.
 Toyoko Kisen Kaisha. Oct. 12, at noon.
 Toyoko Kisen Kaisha. Nov. 5, at noon.
 Teest Asiatic T. Co., Ltd. Sept. 16, at 4 p.m.
 Butterfield & Swire. Sept. 20.
 P. & O. S. N. Co. Sept. 20, About Sept. 27.
 Hamburg-Amerika Linie Oct. 19.
 Messageries Maritimes. About daylight.
 Sander, Wiedler & Co. Sept. 17.

Butterfield and Swire,	Sept. 23.
Canadian P'nc R. Co.	Sept. 25.
Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,	Oct. 1.
Dodwell & Co., Limited	Oct. 8.
Nippon Yusen Kaisha,	Sept. 16, at 4 p.m.
Sunder, P. & S. Co.	Sept. 19, afternoon
P. & O. S. N. Co.	Sept. 21.
Butterfield & Swire...	Sept. 15.

QUOTATIONS.

14, 1901.

Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
125	all.	\$800, sales & buyers London, 1917, 6.
8	4	15 Shillings
1	1	25.0
10	8	824, buyers.
10	8	828, buyers
1	1	\$15, sellers
250	50	\$170, sellers
83.33	25	250, sellers
100	25	Fla. 1921
100	50	nom.
250	50	\$340, sellers
100	50	\$122, sellers

250	50	\$342, sellers
10	all	\$270, sellers
20 3	25	\$55, sellers
01 5	01 5	\$ 6
100	100	Tls. 243, buyers
50	\$ 50	
50	\$ 50	\$82, sellers
50	all	\$46, sellers
15	\$ 15	\$34, males & sellers.
10	all	\$138, sellers
10	12 10	\$12
10	12 10	\$12
10	12 10	\$12
10	12 10	\$12
10	12 10	\$12
100	100	Tls. 335, buyers

Cts.	10	Tls.60	Tls. 127, sales
Cts.	100	Tls. 100	Tls. 127, ex div., sales
Cts.	100	"	\$128, sellers
Cts.	100	"	\$36, sellers
Cts.	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 77
Cts.	50	"	\$99, buyers
Cts.	100	\$ 37	Nom.
Cts.	100	Tls. 100	Tls. 293, buyers
Cts.	100	1-6	\$100, buyers
Cts.	50	Tls. 30	Tls. 100, buyers
Cts.	0	\$ 30	\$31, buyers
Cts.	25	Tls.25	Tls. 20

100	\$ 50	\$24, buyers
100	all	\$275, buyers
5	all	\$4, buyers
9	all	\$5, sellers
1	all	\$1.25
cts. 250	all	\$355
5 cts	25 cts.	4 cents
1	1/8	\$13, sellers
9	5	Nomin.
5	5	4
50	all	\$127, buyers
50	\$ 50	\$55, sales
Ths. 50	Ths. 50	Ths. 110
10		\$187, sellers

20	\$	1 st	\$940, buyers
10	\$	1 st	\$76, 112?
10	\$	1 st	\$123, buyers
10	\$	5	\$81, buyers
10	\$	1 st	\$21
20	\$	50	\$50, Nam.
1	E	15	\$1.10
10	\$	1	\$10, buyers
10	\$	10	\$15
60	\$	3	\$50
10	\$	7	\$5, buyers
71	\$	all	\$38, buyers
62	\$	all	\$183, buyers
20	E	20	Tk. \$40, sales

50	all	\$1725	
100	\$ 10	\$1115	buyers
1a	100	Tls. 40	
1a	100	Tls. 324	
1a	100	Tls. 40	
1a	500	Tls. 300	
1a	10	Tls. 10	
20	\$ 10	\$94	
20	\$ 15	\$98	
20	\$ 20	\$104	buyers
50	\$ 50	\$50	
50	\$ 50	\$50	
500	\$ 500	\$500	selfers

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